

Report of the  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

“Unless we practice conservation, those who come after us will have to pay the price of misery, degradation, and failure for the progress and prosperity of our day.” — Gifford Pinchot

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year ending December 31, 2013, the Marion Conservation Commission issued:

- 19 Orders of Conditions
- 30 Determinations of Applicability
  - 1 Extension to an existing Order
  - 2 Amendments to previously approved Orders
- 8 Certificates of Compliance, and
- 2 Enforcement Orders

These documents were written and approved at the 20 meetings held by the Commission during the year. Prior to each meeting, Commission members conducted more than 87 Saturday morning site inspections in support of the meeting agenda or for inspection of potential violations. The meetings and site visits represents approximately 320 hours of volunteer service.

Larry Dorman was elected Chairman this year. Commission membership had four changes: Member Sherman Briggs resigned, Associate Member Jeffrey Oakes was not reappointed, Jeff Doubrava was appointed as a Member, and Cynthia Trinidad was appointed as an Associate Member. The Commission members and the Town continue to be indebted to the support and experience provided by our secretary, Diane Drake. Again this year members of the Commission attended training sessions and conferences held by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) to expand their education of State requirements, professional knowledge, and administrative processes. The Commission continues to work with applicants to be sure that proposed projects adhere to the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA).

The Commission continued treatment of invasive plant species at Spragues Cove to reverse general degradation of the engineered stormwater retention system, and replaced the fence between the system and the Silvershell Beach parking lot. Investigation of a complaint about mowing taking place at “The Cove” subdivision (off Point Road) has identified another example of a parcel that needs active management on the part of the Commission. Changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s local Flood Insurance Rate Maps were approved at Fall Town meeting to correct errors that affected several of the July 2012 maps on the east side of the harbor.

Respectfully submitted,

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